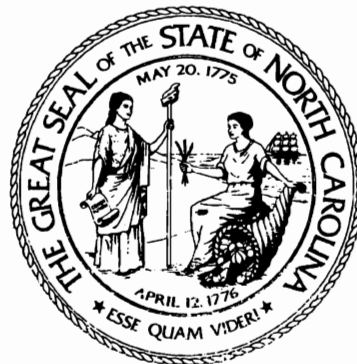


# HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EXPANDING RAIL SERVICE



REPORT TO THE  
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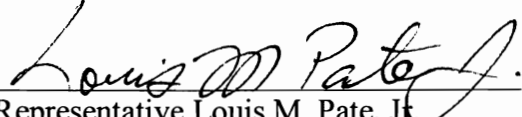
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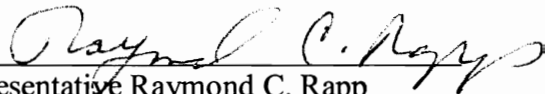
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January 11, 2005

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 2005 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Attached for your consideration is the report of the House Select Committee on Expanding Rail Service, established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6 and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2003 General Assembly.

  
Representative Louis M. Pate, Jr.

  
Representative Raymond C. Rapp

Cochairs

House Interim Committee on Expanding Rail Service

# **COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

## **November 10, 2004**

The first meeting of the Commission took place November 10, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in room 1124 of the Legislative Building.

The Commission heard presentations from: Pat Simmons, Director, NCDOT Rail Division, on North Carolina's intercity passenger rail programs; Laura Cove, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, on rail service needs included in the NCDOT statewide multi-modal 25-year plan; Pat Simmons, Director, NCDOT Rail Division, on an AASHTO rail freight report; Durwood Laughinghouse, Norfolk Southern Corporation, on State rail needs from the perspective of the railroad industry; Chuck Neely, representing CSX railroad; Judy Ray, Chair, Western North Carolina Rail Corridor Committee; Susan Klutz, Mayor of Salisbury; Charles Worley, Mayor of Asheville; Sanford Korschun, President of the Eastern North Carolina Railroad Alliance; and Don Stewart, representing the Fayetteville and University Route, on community support of expanded rail service.

## **December 15, 2004**

The second meeting of the Commission took place December 15, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in room 643 of the Legislative Office Building. The Commission heard presentations from: G. Craig Camuso, Regional Vice President, CSX Transportation; Colonel Al Aycock, Garrison Commander, Fort Bragg, on the Rail System and the State's Military Bases; Scott Saylor, North Carolina Railroad Company; Todd Burchette, General Manager, Yadkin Valley Railroad and Vice President, Railway Association of North Carolina, on Short Line Railroads in North Carolina: Capital Needs and Economic Development; Gail C. McDonald, Director of Intergovernmental Relations for the North Carolina State Ports Authority; Earl F. Brinkley, President, Accu-Track Logistics, LLC, on logistics in Eastern North Carolina; and Pat Simmons, Director, Rail Division, NCDOT, on an economic feasibility study of the restoration of the Castle Hayne-Wallace rail corridor.

## **January 11, 2005**

The third and final meeting of the Commission took place January 11, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in room 1027 of the Legislative Building. The Commission heard presentations from: Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.; Governor James G. Martin; Terry Chastain, Vice-President for Governmental Affairs, Southeastern Economic Alliance and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Drew Galloway, Senior Director, Strategic Planning,

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## **LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL**

At its January 11, 2005 meeting, the Commission approved for transmittal to the 2005 session of the General Assembly the attached proposal.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE DRH60010-RW-9 (12/2)**

Short Title: Rail Service Study Commission.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pate and Rapp (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON  
EXPANDING RAIL SERVICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Commission Established. – There is established in the General Assembly a Joint Legislative Commission on Expanding Rail Service.

**SECTION 1.(b)** Membership. – The Commission shall be composed of 16 members as follows:

- (1) Eight members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (2) Eight members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

**SECTION 1.(c)** Duties of Commission. – The Commission shall study the following matters related to expanding rail service in North Carolina:

- (1) The cost and benefits of expanding and upgrading rail service in the State, including the effect the expanded service would have on economic development.
- (2) The feasibility, cost, and benefits of establishing commuter rail service in the State to transport workers to cities from outlying areas, including the effect the commuter service would have on increasing the economic opportunities of those who live in the outlying areas.
- (3) The cost and benefits of expanding passenger rail service to the western and eastern areas of the State, including the effect the expanded service would have on tourism.
- (4) Ways to preserve unused or abandoned rail corridors for future rail needs.

